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RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The Medical Officer (Mr. A. S. Bostock) presented his Report for the past year, and in referring to Fishbourne and Appledram as the most insanitary part of his district, reiterated the statements previously made concerning the sewage outfall from Chichester into the harbour, and the alleged offensive conditions arising from the mixture of sewage and chemicals. At some length he also answered the attacks which he referred to as having been made by the Medical Officer and Surveyor of the City. Incidentally he expressed an opinion that the Corporation were going to aggravate the alleged nuisance by erecting another engine. Considering the illness which had been prevalent in the neighbourhood, the statistics for the year worked out satisfactorily, the number of deaths being fewer than last year, although a shipwreck on the coast had in one instance caused eight bodies to be washed ashore. The number of notifications was 87, as against 127. Thirty-four of the notifications were for scarlet fever, 33 for enteric fever, 13, for erysipelas, and eight for diphtheria, but there were only two deaths from enteric fever and one from erysipelas. In looking over the district the Medical Officer foresaw drainage difficulties at Selsey, and expressed an opinion that the water supply in that neighbourhood would also have to receive attention. The death rate was 14.00 per 1,000, and the births during the year numbered 362.—The Report was accepted without discussion save for the comment by the Chairman that "altogether it was a very favourable Report."

—The Commons Committee reported to the Council in favour of adopting a scheme under the Commons' Act, 1890, for the regulation of Sidlesham and Fisher Commons and the Clerk was directed to communicate with the Lords of the Manors concerned, with a view of ascertaining whether they had any objection.—The Rev. J. C. B. Fletcher in moving the adoption of the Report, said the nuisance occasioned on Commons by vagrants was increasing and caused serious damage to neighbouring farms and lands.—Mr. Luther Clayton seconded the motion which was agreed to.

*Bognor
District Surveyor
March
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not attending the full year, all worthy of notice, but space prevents our going more into detail.

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DESIGN STAGES

an additional interest was created by some attempts of students to make original designs, but retaining the principal features of one of the aforementioned styles as a basis. This must be a much more difficult matter than in cases where students have no limits given them, and the manner in which these have been attempted is most praiseworthy. Notably the design for Panel in the Assyrian style by Miss E. Parker, which seemed most satisfactory.

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